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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FAHMI AND RIFAI DISCUSS ISRAEL-UNGA ISSUE AT THE JIDDA
CONFERENCE

PRIOR TO LEARNING THAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM PLANS
TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S
CONFERENCE IN JIDDA CALLING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL
FROM THE UNGA, EMBASSIES CAIRO AND AMMAN REPORTED THEIR
DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND
JORDAN.

IN CAIRO, FAHMY AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS THAT THE SUS-
PENSION OF ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE PEACE NEGOTIA-
TIONS, AND SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO
THE JIDDA CONFERENCE TO TRY TO HEAD OFF ANY SUSPENSION
RESOLUTION. FAHMY WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT:

--THE USG SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE HEAD OF STEAM
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THAT HAS GROWN UP AMONG THE NONALIGNED STATES ON THIS

ISSUE.

--THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IN JIDDA WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL IN HANDLING THE PROBLEM, SINCE EGYPT CANNOT APPEAR TO BE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAEL'S DISREGARD OF ARAB RIGHTS THAN OTHER NONALIGNED STATES.

--AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT HE SAYS ON THIS MATTER; OTHERWISE HE WILL FIND "THIRTY TO SIXTY" NON-ALIGNED DELEGATES PERSONALIZING THIS ISSUE AND MAKING IT HARD FOR FRIENDS OF THE US TO MODERATE.

FAHMY ALSO SAID THAT IF THE RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY THE JIDDA CONFERENCE, HE THOUGHT HE COULD QUASH IT AT THE UN THROUGH PROCEDURAL MEANS.

IN AMMAN, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI SAID THE GOJ IS SERIOUSLY WORRIED THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RAISED BOTH AT THE JIDDA CONFERENCE AND BY THE PLO AT THE LIMA NONALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION IN JIDDA TO LOBBY ACTIVELY TO KEEP THE ISSUE FROM COMING UP, BUT ADMITS IF IT DOES COME UP IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR SUCH A GATHERING TO OPPOSE PUBLICLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 6788, 7/10 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 4653 7/10.

2. DEMIREL PRAISES ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10, DEMIREL DECLINED COMMENT ON THE POSSIBLE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO BY CONGRESS. HE PRAISED THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY, HOWEVER, FOR THEIR GREAT EFFORTS. DEMIREL ALSO SAID THE GOT WOULD DECIDE WHAT COURSE TO FOLLOW ON THE EMBARGO AT A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED BY A CABINET MEETING JULY 16. (UNCLASSIFIED) ANKARA 5345, 7/10.

3. ZAIRE: AN ASSESSMENT OF MOBUTU AFTER THE ABORTIVE COUP

EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTS THAT WHILE PRESIDENT MOBUTU APPEARS IN FULL CONTROL, HIS POSITION HAS NONETHELESS BEEN WEAKENED
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BY THE ABORTIVE COUP PLOT AND ITS AFTERMATH. ARMY LOYALTY HAS BEEN STRAINED, HIGH PARTY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ALIENATED, AND SEEDS OF FUTURE DISSENSION HAVE BEEN WIDELY SOWN.

A RETURN TO THE CLOSE RELATIONS OF EARLIER YEARS IS NOW OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT MOBUTU:

--HAS KEPT OPEN HIS PRIVATE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH

THE EMBASSY;

--SAID HE CONTINUES TO WELCOME US INVESTMENT;

--HAS QUIETLY COOPERATED IN THE TANZANIAN KIDNAP CASE;
AND

--WITH SOME UNFORTUNATE LAPSES, HAS REINED IN THE LOCAL
PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE US. (SECRET) KINSHASA 6307,
7/10.

4. SPAIN AND NATO

EMBASSY MADRID LEARNED FROM THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA HAS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE OVER THE STATUS OF US BASES IN SPAIN. CORTINA:

--MAINTAINED THAT THE ADVANTAGES WHICH NATO ENJOYS AS THE RESULT OF US FACILITIES IN SPAIN MUST BE FORMALIZED IN WRITING; OTHERWISE THE US FACILITIES WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED;

--SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING CALLING IN OTHER NATO AMBASSADORS TO MAKE THESE SAME POINTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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